

July 19, 1955.

The regular meeting of the Upper Keys Garden Club was held at Fern Inn, Islamorada. Called to order at 2:25 pm by the president.

Vivian Gross read "What Gardening Means to Me". Copies will be made by the secretary for the members.

Minutes of the June meeting approved as read.

Treasurers Report showed former balance of 111.47 plus 1.10 from sale of recipe plus one half year dues from Naomi May Pryor and Alida Tjader of \$1 each. Making balance of \$114.57

There were 16 members and 7 guests present.

It was decided to write the State Road Department on three subjects--
1. Ask that more care be exercised in burning along the road so that trees may be protected (2) ask that cutting be done further on each side of the road (3) ask if they have any objection to placing of drums, properly marked for trash.

Roll call of members for flowers in bloom showed the following: geraniums, Star of Bethlehem cactus(stapelia), Thumbergia, Vanda orchids, Stephanotis, Oleander, Queens Slipper Vine, Hibiscus, Pentos, Passion Vine, Mexican Flame Vine, Zinnias, Geiger Tree, Poincianas, Key Roses, Barbados Cherry, Pelicans Pipe, Hibiscus, Pandora Vine, Purple Alamanda.

Following guests introduced: Mrs. Tjader, Mrs. Ward, Miss Pryor, Mrs. Kirtley, Mrs. Neilsen, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Lund.

Mrs. Tracy took charge of questions brought by the members.

1. A fungus on cactus was believed to be the result of burns from the fogging truck
2. Sausage trees must often be hand pollinated in order for them to bear
3. Passion Flowers do bear fruit. There is a male and female plant, with only the female bearing.
4. Spanish Limes do grow here, often in the wild state. They can be grown from seed. They make an excellent drink. If air-layered they will grow faster.
5. Day lilies do not need any special cultivation as they are tough.
6. Melons need bees for best result. No fertilization after they set the fruit. May use Vigoro for growth.
7. Discussion of best method for starting oleanders for hedge purposes. Root in spring, in sand. Trim at 3 ft-2 ft apart. Cuttings in February or March a foot long, place in water, then in ground which is kept very wet. Use cuttings at least one inch in diameter and woody. Red types are more difficult to raise than the pinks.
8. Wood roses may be cut and trimmed at any time.
9. Purple bougainvilleas make the best trees. Other types are difficult
10. In transplanting lime trees be sure that the tap root is uninjured. Cut back severely.
11. Discussion on turning rock melons.

Suggested that we use some of the money in treasury to buy bulbs. The president will check on day lilies.